

Calendar No. 244

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 25

Recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2003

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. TALENT, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. KOHL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 31 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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Whereas in 1654, Jewish refugees from Brazil arrived on North American shores and formally established North

America's first Jewish community in New Amsterdam,
now New York City;

Whereas America welcomed Jews among the millions of im-
migrants that streamed through our Nation's history;

Whereas the waves of Jewish immigrants arriving in America
helped shape our Nation;

Whereas the American Jewish community has been intimately
involved in our Nation's civic, social, economic, and cul-
tural life;

Whereas the American Jewish community has sought to actu-
alize the broad principles of liberty and justice that are
enshrined in the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the American Jewish community is an equal partici-
pant in the religious life of our Nation;

Whereas American Jews have fought valiantly for the United
States in every one of our Nation's military struggles,
from the American Revolution to Operation Enduring
Freedom;

Whereas not less than 16 American Jews have received the
Medal of Honor;

Whereas 2004 marks the 350th anniversary of the American
Jewish community;

Whereas the Library of Congress, the National Archives and
Records Administration, the American Jewish Historical
Society, and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the
American Jewish Archives have formed "The Commission
for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish His-
tory" (referred to in this resolution as the "Commis-
sion") to mark this historic milestone;

Whereas the Commission will use the combined resources of its participants to promote the celebration of the Jewish experience in the United States throughout 2004; and

Whereas the Commission is designating September 2004 as “American Jewish History Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes—

4 (A) the 350th anniversary of the American
5 Jewish community; and

6 (B) “The Commission for Commemorating
7 350 Years of American Jewish History” and its
8 efforts to plan, coordinate, and execute com-
9 memorative events celebrating 350 years of
10 American Jewish history;

11 (2) supports the designation of an “American
12 Jewish History Month”; and

13 (3) urges all Americans to share in this com-
14 memoration so as to have a greater appreciation of
15 the role the American Jewish community has had in
16 helping to defend and further the liberties and free-
17 dom of all Americans.

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20 American Jewish community;

1 (2) *supports the designation of an “American*
2 *Jewish History Month”*; and

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4 *memoration so as to have a greater appreciation of*
5 *the role the American Jewish community has had in*
6 *helping to defend and further the liberties and free-*
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